

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of allowing a United States-taxable player to participate in a reduced interruption gaming session when a jackpot over a threshold amount is won, the method utilizing a tracking device having a central server, and wherein the tracking device is connectable to one or more gaming machines, ~~wherein the one or more gaming machines are bingo, keno, or slot machines~~, the method comprising:

collecting player-related information;

storing the player-related information;

allowing the player to participate in a reduced interruption gaming session;

recording jackpot-related information in the tracking device whenever a jackpot having a value greater than a threshold amount is won;

enabling paying out of the value of the jackpot to the United States-taxable player immediately after the player wins credits over the threshold amount subject to immediate cash out;

enabling the player to continue the reduced interruption gaming session, as desired; terminating the reduced interruption gaming session; and

generating a statement referencing the recorded jackpot-related information and stored player-related information after the reduced interruption gaming session is terminated.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising: enabling a pre-programmed gaming machine to play an uninterrupted session, even if a reportable jackpot is won.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein enabling a pre-programmed gaming machine to play an uninterrupted session, even if a reportable jackpot is won, comprises:

inserting an agent card;

selecting uninterrupted play from a menu screen on a display; and

inserting a player card.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein allowing the player to participate in a reduced interruption gaming session, comprises: providing the player with physical access to a game of chance dedicated to uninterrupted play.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein collecting player-related information further comprises: examining documents which qualify as proof of the player's identity.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein collecting player-related information further comprises: obtaining tax related information about the player.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein obtaining tax related information about the player further comprises: accessing a document selected from the group consisting of the player's driver's license, the player's social security card, and the player's voter registration card.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the tax related information comprises the name, address, and tax identification number of the player.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising reporting jackpot-related information and player-related information to a taxing authority.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the player with a statement referencing jackpot-related information after the player is done playing.

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